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DATE: December 22, 2014

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and Rural Health Clinics Participating as Patient Managers in the Iowa Wellness Plan

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Iowa Wellness Plan Value Index Score (VIS) Program Updates and Incentive Payment Rate Changes

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2015

Starting January 2015, the VIS Medical Home incentive payment will change from \$4.00 Per Member Per Month (PMPM) to \$5.00 PMPM. The Patient Manager Management payment will also change from \$4.00 PMPM to \$3.00 PMPM. This shift in payment is reflected in both the Patient Manager Wellness Plan agreement and the Iowa Medicaid Accountable Care Organization (ACO) agreement.

The IME listened to the provider feedback during this first year and will be implementing the following changes in our VIS program starting in 2015:

- **Absolute Scoring.** The IME is moving from a relative scoring methodology to an absolute scoring methodology. In order to align with the change that Wellmark is making to their VIS program, the IME will score VIS performance based on the improvement of the Patient Manager to their baseline score.
- **Dashboard Hierarchy.** Data from the IME will be reorganized within the dashboard to better reflect patient panels at the National Provider Identifier (NPI) level. The reorganized data will also allow the IME to assign a group of Patient Managers at the Billing NPI or Tax Identification (ID) level which will improve a user's access to all of the providers within their organization.
- **VIS Measure Fine Tuning.** With the release of the 2015 program, minor updates to the Clinical Risk Group (CRG), (CRG Grouper v1.2), Potentially Preventable Readmissions (PPR 31) and VIS (v1.4) will be implemented.
- **2015 Baseline:** Due to the above mentioned updates to the VIS program, the IME anticipates a release of the 2015 baseline in early February 2015. As done last year, the IME will send a letter to each enrolled Wellness Plan Patient Manager that has established a baseline for the 2015 program.

Important Links and References:

Informational Letter No. [1388](#)¹ issued on May 23, 2014, provides instructions on how to access the [3M Treo Dashboard](#)² and the [AssessMyHealth](#)³ Health Risk Assessment (HRA) tool. The online dashboard provides dynamic reporting on gaps in care, utilization, care management and VIS measures for both the Wellness and Medicaid members. The AssessMyHealth HRA provides important member health information and is a tool used to engage members and improve outcomes.

The AssessMyHealth is free to providers serving Iowa Wellness Plan members. Providers can earn a \$25.00 fee for each AssessMyHealth HRA incorporated into a member's plan of care. Please refer to Informational Letter No. [1448](#)⁴ on how to submit a claim once HRA results are in the member's plan of care.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally at 515-256-4609, or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

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<http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1388%20Provider%20Access%20to%20AssessMyHealth%20HRA%20and%20VIS%20Online%20Dashboard.pdf>

²<https://www.treoservices.net/portal/login.aspx>

³<https://www.assessmyhealth.com/checkbox/accesscode.aspx>

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<https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1448%20Clarification%20of%20Claim%20Submission%20for%20the%20Health%20Risk%20Assessment.pdf>